

SALTPETER ABLAZE.

A LIVELY TIME ON THE INTER-ISLAND WHARF.

A Rather Heavy Loss to the Owners of the Burned Product—Theories About the Fire.

At a quarter before eleven o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was rung in from the Inter-Island Steamship Co's wharf at the foot of Fort street.

The fire department responded promptly and before the bell had ceased sounding, both engines turned into Fort street and dashed at a headlong speed down that thoroughfare. No. 2 engine, with its splendid span of grey horses, was in the rear, but before Merchant street was reached No. 1 Engine was passed and the greys took up first position on the wharf.

The fire was aboard the steamer Mikahala which was taking in her cargo for the other islands. This morning 140 bags of saltpeter, which lately arrived from Chili by the Italian bark Cavaliere Luigi D., were placed on the false deck forward, and carefully covered with tarpaulins. They were discovered to be on fire. The coverings were quickly removed and the saltpeter was found to be burning at the bottom. Water was at hand and hose from the wharf engine and hydrant was immediately brought into play. Before it could be used about one-fifth of the saltpeter had to be thrown overboard to reach the fire.

By the time the department arrived, the private fire service of the Inter-Island Company had the flames under control, and was still pouring a flood of water over the dangerous cargo, which, by this time, was pretty well scattered over the deck to the depth of several inches.

The saltpeter was consigned to H. Hackfeld & Co. Twenty tons of the cargo were shipped at the Inter-Island wharf last Thursday, where it remained until placed upon the Mikahala this morning. This is the second time this lot of saltpeter has been on fire. During yesterday, while on the wharf, it was fired by a lot of natives who were sitting on the pile smoking; but the flames were extinguished with buckets of water before any great damage was done.

Several theories have been advanced to explain the fire. One is that the saltpeter was ignited by sparks from the donkey engine; but this seems improbable, as the smoke stack is covered with a fine hood, and the wind at the time was blowing landward. Another idea is that it was the result of spontaneous combustion; but experts declare that this is absurd, as saltpeter has never been known to ignite by itself, even during extended voyages.

The most reasonable explanation seems to be that after the saltpeter was loaded some person threw a live cigar or cigarette on the deck, which had rolled between the bags and started the fire. The ship's men, on the other hand, say that nobody had been on deck for some time before the trouble started.

Perhaps as much as a third or fourth of the saltpeter was destroyed by fire and water or thrown overboard. The product is worth about \$50 a ton delivered here.

THE LEPER SPECIALIST.

He Returns From Molokai—Arranging to Begin his Treatment.

David Dayton, Agent of the Board of Health, accompanied by Dr. Goto, the Japanese leper specialist, has returned from Molokai. The party left town a fortnight since by the steamer *Mokolii*, which took thirty-four lepers to the settlement at the same time. The object of the visit was to make some necessary arrangements for carrying into effect the Japanese method of treating leprosy, which Dr. Goto has received permission to begin at the settlement. Dr. Goto will return to Molokai as soon as the Board of Health completes final arrangements for introducing the new treatment.

Mr. Dayton took up the Damien monument by the *Mokolii*, which will be placed in position as soon as the necessary materials for the base are forwarded from Honolulu.

PERSONAL TAXES.

Not Time Enough to Pay Them in the Required Five Days.

Attention has been called to the fact that the new tax law states that all personal taxes fall due on July 1, 1893, and that if not paid by July 5th, ten per cent. additional "shall be" collected. The query is raised as to how the people of the islands would be able to pay their personal taxes within the time specified, even if they were standing in line with the money ready. It is likely that the defect in the law will receive the early attention of the Executive and Advisory Councils.

The Pomp of War.

Some amusement was made in the government building the day the flag came down by finding a box that contained a uniform and chapeau belonging to Major Antonio Rosa, which equipments, it was said, he intended to put on when he should take possession of the place in the name of the Queen. Major Rosa of course denies that he had any such intent—it being the fashion to deny things now—and has left it to be presumed that the war clothes belonged to Sub Rosa, the other member of the family about whom so much is whispered nowadays.

Minister Wodehouse.

Minister Wodehouse and family have moved into one of the Hawaiian hotel cottages which has been altered and improved to suit his convenience.

SAFE DEPOSIT BUILDING.

The New Edifice Which J. W. Austin is About to Erect.

The building which James W. Austin of Boston has decided to put up in this city will be used as a safe deposit and is to be located on the site of Gertz' shoe store on Fort street.

Work will be begun on the 15th of the present month, and it is expected the structure will be ready for its tenants in about fourteen weeks. The frontage on Fort street will be 40 feet, with a depth of 60 feet. There will be two stories and a basement. The ground floor is to be occupied by the vaults of the Safe Deposit Company and will, at first, contain 256 boxes of various sizes which will be increased with the demands of business. The second floor will contain roomy offices, and the basement will be used for storage purposes.

The Safe Deposit business will be carried on by a stock company and will probably be under the management of Edwin A. Jones, who states the Company will be ready to begin the transaction of business by the first of August.

The contract for building has been let to Messrs. Harrison Bros.

It Looms Up.

The Executive Committee of the Annexation Club issued a request yesterday that all the enrollment lists now out on the island of Oahu be returned. The lists for the island have thus far received the names of nearly 2,500 voters. At a meeting of the Executive Committee it was determined to send agents around the islands to canvass the various districts more closely. George Markham will probably be one of the men sent out.

Frosty Oranges.

The best Kona oranges are quoted at \$2.00 per one hundred, inferior at \$1.00 per one hundred. Of the last two lots off the Hall from Kona, Hawaii, many were frost bitten. This is quite a frequent complaint about California, but is something new with Hawaiian oranges. It is probably due to cultivation being extended to higher altitudes than heretofore.

Vital Statistics.

The number of deaths in Honolulu during March was 51. Of this total 26 were those of Hawaiians, 10 Chinese, 4 Portuguese, 3 Japanese, 3 subjects of Great Britain, 3 Americans, and two of other nationalities. Consumption carried off 7, fever 4, pneumonia 3, and old age 9.

The Beresford Episode.

An old photograph, illustrating an article published in yesterday's *STAR*, entitled "A Bit of History," and showing Lord Charles Beresford replacing the U. S. coat of arms stolen from the legation on Beretania street, is on exhibition in the window of the Hawaiian News Company's store.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Rumor's busy tongue is still at it. Some excellent photographs were taken of the flag lowering ceremonies. A successor to Mr. A. S. Cleghorn has not yet been appointed. The bark *Harvester* has left Hilo for San Francisco.

Subscribe for the *STAR*. It costs 50 cents a month delivered. Easter vacation in the schools this week.

The Portuguese team defeated the Hawaiians in the tug-of-war last evening in 33 minutes.

It is reported that the government will organize a second company of regulars.

Judge Hartwell has removed his law offices to their old quarters in the Bishop Block.

Thirty men from Company B are detailed for guard duty at the Palace to-night.

Yesterday the Japs had their small boats all out. Frequent gun drill is now observed on the Naniwa.

The Kahuna woman who is confined in Oahu prison for murder is busy these days in making prison clothes.

The forthcoming number of the *Friend* will contain much interesting matter about the islands and their affairs. It will be out to-morrow.

A fire in the barn of Dr. Emerson on School street called out the department last evening. But slight damage was done.

The marriage of Charles Hill and Miss McLaren took place this morning and the wedded couple left by the Hall on a trip to the volcano.

The kanaka who used to carry the feather cloak at royal functions is around town getting native signatures to some sort of a political document.

The phrase "professional sneak thief" was changed by a type-setter yesterday to "Portuguese sneak thief," thus making an excellent class of citizens responsible for Wm. Wilson's robberies.

Dr. Emerson states that at the fire in his barn yesterday the fire department acted with the greatest promptness, and reached the scene of action, over a rough road in less than seven minutes after the alarm sounded.

The members of the Pacific Wheelmen's Club wish to thank Lieutenant Lucien Young of the U. S. S. *Albatross* for the able manner in which he presided as judge of the races last Saturday.

Commissioner Blount is going to go around among our native Hawaiians, to ask you your ideas about your mother country. And do not forget while you are about it to give a few presents (hookupu) a few eggs, chickens, and so forth.—*Holomua*.

THINGS QUIETING DOWN.

SOME DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG THE ROYALISTS.

More or Less Gossip Suggested by Current Politics—Meeting of the Hawaiian League.

There is not so much enthusiasm as there was in the royalist camp. One of the ex-Queen's committees that called on Colonel Blount lately reports his saying that he had merely come here to investigate the sentiment of the people of Hawaii and should then file the facts at Washington. This has put a stop to talk about restoration and has led the royalist leaders to consider ways and means to create and develop monarchical sentiment.

The native press is still filled with weird imaginings. Some of the dialect papers say that Colonel Blount would not attend the Central Union church here on Sunday until he had been sent for three times; and another remarks that the credit of the Provisional government has run out at the banks. Incidentally thrown in, are little items about 15,000 signatures to the royalist memorials and so on ad infinitum.

With a cross fire of denials and affirmations, the Japanese newspaper conflict is coming to a close. It will doubtless be continued later in the San Francisco, Chicago and New York press, the representatives of which, in this city, have been mining into the Japanese issue for six weeks, and have, apparently, struck paying leads.

The Hawaiian Patriotic League held a meeting last night at Brito Hall, corner of Smith and King streets. John E. Bush was elected chairman, and stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the state of the League's finances, and make further arrangements to carry on an anti-annexation campaign.

There were only a few natives present, as many were afraid that the meeting had some doubtful purpose, which might lead them into trouble with the government.

Major Seward submitted a report from the Women's branch league which stated that the members of that organization were willing to divert a portion of their funds to the aid of the league. The report was accepted and placed on file.

After discussion it was determined to send persons throughout Honolulu and around the island to solicit funds to carry on the campaign. A motion was made to see if Captain Ross could not be secured to go to Kauai to work up the anti-annexation movement.

It was also determined to hereafter publish notices of future meetings in the native newspapers, to obtain, if possible, a larger attendance of natives.

Coin From the Bay.

One of the men working on the dredger has got quite a collection of coins that have been brought up from the bottom of the bay. He said yesterday that he had thus far over 180 pieces, some of which are quite rare. An English gold coin, over a hundred years old, was presented by the finder to Captain Macaulay. Most of the coins are those that have been thrown over from the mail steamers, for many years, by tourists and passengers for the purpose of seeing the natives dive for them.

Ashford Talks to Blount.

Colonel V. V. Ashford called on Commissioner Blount yesterday afternoon and remained in conversation with him for over an hour. It is understood that while there the Colonel expatiated on the political history of Hawaii for the past ten years. The Commissioner, as usual, was a good listener and asked Colonel Ashford quite a number of direct questions.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company hereby beg to thank the Officers and Men of the U. S. S. "Boston" and "Mohican," who rendered prompt assistance at the fire on board their Steamer "Mikahala" this morning.

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Per Order,

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

NOTICE.

All parties who are indebted to the HAWAIIAN WINE CO.,

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Bonds and Mortgages	\$ 21,983,944 02
Real Estate, including the Equitable Buildings and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages	25,912,412 49
United States Stocks, State Stocks and other investments	7,084,749 43
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (Market value, \$7,673,700)	8,915,500 00
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure	14,122,786 70
Cash in Bank and in transit (since received and invested)	5,504,000 06
Interest and Rents due and accrued, Deferred Premiums and other Securities	6,488,702 66
Total Assets, December 31, 1892	\$153,060,052 01

We hereby certify, that after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in the foregoing statement, we find the same to be true and correct as stated.

THOMAS D. JORDAN, Comptroller. FRANCIS W. JACKSON, Auditor.

LIABILITIES.

Reserve on all existing Policies (4% Standard), and all other liabilities	\$121,870,236 52
Total Undivided Surplus (4% Standard), including Special Reserve of \$2,500,000 towards establishment of a 3 1/2 % valuation	\$1,189,815 49
	\$123,060,052 01

We certify the correctness of the above calculation of the reserve and surplus. From this surplus the usual dividends will be made.

GEO. W. PHILLIPS, J. G. VAN CISE, Actuaries.

INCOME.

Premiums	\$ 34,046,568 39
Interest, Rents, etc.	6,236,969 19
	\$40,283,537 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims by Death and Matured Endowments	\$ 10,859,373 04
Dividends, Surrender Values, Annuities and Discounted Endowments	5,675,074 94
Total Paid Policy-Holders	\$ 16,534,447 98
Commissions, Advertising, Postage and Exchange	4,983,478 35
General Expenses, State, County and City Taxes	3,544,021 01
	\$ 24,161,947 34

New Assurance written in 1892 \$200,490,316 00
Total Outstanding Assurance \$50,962,245 00

We, the undersigned, have, in person, carefully examined the accounts, and counted and examined in detail the assets of the Society, and certify that the foregoing statement thereof is correct.

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